

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THOMAS SAMUEL STEPHENS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the life of Thomas Samuel Stephens of Cameron, Missouri. Thomas' achievements and service, both to his country and his community, were great and we are indebted to him for his sacrifices.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Samuel Stephens was born on June 8, 1918, in Temple, Texas, to his parents, Lessie and Rufus Stephens. On January 14, 1944, Thomas had the fortune of marrying the love of his life, Euclid Elizabeth Stockton, at their church in Temple, Texas. Together they raised one daughter, Patti Jane. Thomas passed away on December 2, 2010, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas was a true patriot. He served in the 80th Infantry Division, 3rd Army, 319 Regiment C Company, 4th Platoon under General George Patton from August 26, 1943 to March 29, 1946. He received the Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medal with one Bronze Service Star, an American Theatre Campaign Medal and a Victory Medal, as well as a Sharpshooter and Rifle pin.

Mr. Speaker, after being honorably discharged, Thomas received his Masters Degree and taught at the University of Texas A&M in the Horticulture Department from 1948–1953. Thomas then spent the rest of his career working for the United States Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service, actively engaging in food and food storage research that is used in the food products we enjoy in every grocery store today.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to Thomas' patriotism and contributions to agriculture in the United States, Thomas also had a passion of enjoying God's world by fishing, campaigning and planting trees. Thomas was active in his church and enjoyed singing, having been a part of the first group of Singing Cadets at Texas A&M. Thomas deeply loved his family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring the life of Thomas Samuel Stephens. I am truly grateful for his service to our country and his contributions to agriculture.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE BOYS BASKETBALL 5A UIL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas. The Marcus varsity boys' basketball team won the 5A UIL State Champion-

ship. The Marcus Marauders beat Garland Lakeview, 40–38, in the final to finish the season 39–1. Led by Head Coach Danny Henderson, these young men are exemplary representatives of their school and should be very proud of what they have accomplished.

This is not the first time I have had the pleasure of highlighting the accomplishments of Marcus High School, and I have a sneaking suspicion that it will not be the last. With the level of teamwork and perseverance that is present in this North Texas high school, it is no wonder that they are an "Exemplary Campus".

It is inspiring to recognize such ambitious young student athletes who are making a positive impact in our community. I am pleased to have the opportunity to represent these young men, and their classmates and teachers in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congratulations on being the 5A UIL Boys Basketball State Champions.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOIS GERAGE-LAMB

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lois Gerage-Lamb, a dedicated educator at Lakewood Elementary in Dallas, Texas who is retiring this year.

After moving to Lakewood in the early 1980s, Lois joined the staff at Lakewood Elementary in 1987. Her twenty-four years of service speak loudly of her patience, dedication, and passion for teaching. Both of my sons, Bill and Alex, had the privilege of having Lois as their teacher. Her commitment to providing students with a quality education was evident in her work ethic and enthusiasm. Known for her upbeat personality and "can-do" philosophy, Lois has instilled confidence in her students and inspired them to reach for their dreams.

Outside of the classroom, Lois is a well-known community leader. She currently serves as the President of Little People of America, Inc. (LPA), a national advocacy and support group for dwarfs and their families. In this capacity, she has overseen the 6,000 member organization and works tirelessly to raise awareness. Lois is a demonstrated leader with tremendous strength and great fervor and compassion.

She will be greatly missed at Lakewood Elementary. I am thankful for dedicated educators like Lois and for the positive impact they have on our children. Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing Lois for her service. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE 2011 NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the Clayton State University Women's Basketball Team for winning the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship. The Lady Lakers defeated the Michigan Tech Huskies 69–50 in a game that gave Clayton State its first national championship. Clayton State ended the season with a 53–1 record and the number one ranking in the USA Today/ESPN Division II Coaches' Poll.

These young women have demonstrated a tremendous amount of hard work, perseverance and sportsmanship. There is no doubt that this team will serve as excellent role models for young women and future athletes everywhere.

Coach Dennis Cox also deserves to be recognized for his critical role in leading Clayton State to victory. He was recently named the 2011 Schelde North America/Division II Bulletin Coach of the Year and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

My fellow colleagues please join me in honoring Coach Cox and the Clayton State Lady Lakers for an outstanding year.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING FOR STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1213) to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges:

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1213.

This bill would eliminate funding for a key component of the Affordable Care Act's coverage expansion—the State-based health insurance Exchanges.

The Exchanges are the chief vehicle through which we will give millions of individuals and small businesses—currently locked out of the market—access to affordable coverage.

The Affordable Care Act provides each State with the flexibility to design its own Exchange—tailored to meet the needs of its residents, strengthen the private insurance market, and provide consumer protections.

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